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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE WITH SAUDI ARABIA'S FATAH REPRESENTATIVE

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1. PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL PRIMARILY NOTABLE FOR STRONG DENUNCIATION LOCAL FATAH REP ABU HISHAM MADE OF OPERATION AIMED AT SAUDI EMBASSY IN PARIS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ATTACH WAS SECOND (AFTER KHARTOUM) PERFORMED BY "CORRUPT HIRED POWERS" TO DISRUPT RELATIONS
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BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND FATAH. HISHAM SUGGESTED THESE

"HOSTILE QUARTERS" TRYING TO FOMENT DISCORD BETWEEN SAUDIS AND PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AS RESULT RECENT "CRYSTALIZATION" OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO.

2. HISHAM REFERRED TO FAISAL'S "THREAT TO USE OIL TO SAFEGUARD ARAB PRESTIGE" AND THE "ENORMOUS MATERIAL ASSISTANCE" BEING EXTENDED BY SAUDI ARABIA TO THE REVOLUTION AS PART OF HIS EXPLANATION AS TO WHY SAUDI ARABIA WAS OBJECT OF HIJACKERS. REST OF PRESS CONFERENCE TAKEN UP WITH HISHAM ENUMERATING STEPS TAKEN BY PLO OFFICE IN RIYADH AS SOON AS WORD CAME THAT PARIS ATTACK HAD OCCURRED. STEPS INCLUDED CLOSE CONTACT WITH PRINCE NAIF, DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO "DISPLAYED COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING" OF PLO POSITION. HISHAM ALSO NOTED HE HAD SEEN PRINCE FAHD AT RIYADH AIRPORT DURING INCIDENT, AND THAT FAHD HAD ASSURED HIM "WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. INTRIGUERS WILL NOT SUCCEED IN SEVERING OUR RELATIONS WHICH ARE SERVING THE HOLY WAR AND GOD."

3. FATAH REP ALSO REVEALED HE HAD PREVIOUS DAY BEEN RECEIVED BY FAISAL AND AGAIN BY PRINCE FAHD WHO, IN ONE-HOUR-45-MINUTE MEETING, HAD EXPLAINED "KINGDOM'S UNDERSTANDING" OF THE "INTRIGUE," AND ITS "CONSTANT SUPPORT OF OUR STRUGGLE." FAHD HAD ADDED THAT ARAFAT SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL "CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE SUPPORTERS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE."

4. COMMENT: PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY SAUDI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, EVIDENCE THAT SAUDIS AND FATAH ARE PUTTING FORWARD UNITED FRONT WITH REGARD SAUDI EMBASSY PARIS INCIDENT.
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